



WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1900.

THAT STRIKES are now prevalent in nearly all the manufacturing industries of the North, so far from being strange, is the most natural of all things. The republican newspapers, which most of the workmen of that section read and from which they derive their sole instruction, tell them that prosperity prevails in all that section and that their employers are rapidly accumulating large fortunes. Believing this, their common sense teaches them that it would be simple justice that they should participate in the benefits of the flush times to the extent at least of having their wages slightly increased, and when their demands for such an increase are refused, they resort to strikes.

THE WHITE people of Columbia Heights, District of Columbia, voted yesterday upon the question of restoring the privilege of suffrage and local self-government to the people of that district. But by an almost unanimous vote they decided that question in the negative, for the alleged reason that the negroes, who have little interest in the welfare of that district, with the privilege referred to, would have too much to do with its government. But the republicans of the district think it perfectly right that the negroes living in the adjoining counties on both the north and south sides of the Potomac should have the right to vote.

LACK OF country labor with which to put up and keep up fences has increased greatly the demand for barbed wire, and that material has therefore advanced in price, that which formerly sold at \$1.50 now selling at \$5. This is one of the patent evidences of the benefit the republican war tariff has conferred upon the poor farmers of the country. And yet many of such people, in the North and West, continue to vote the republican ticket. The strangest thing about all this, is the fact that throughout both the sections referred to free schools and cheap newspapers abound.

THE AMERICAN PROCONSUL in Porto Rico was inaugurated yesterday with great pomp and glory, and in an atmosphere reverberating with salvos of artillery and the music of brass bands. But the salutes and the music were supplied by the guns on American ships and the bands of American regiments, the few Porto Ricans present, looking on in sullen silence. And well they might, as their hopes of equality and liberty have been displaced by the realities of carpet bag rule and subjection to alien conquerors, alien both in blood and religion.

THE BRITISH commanders in South Africa are following the example of General Sheridan in the Valley of Virginia during the war between the States in this country, and are destroying all the provisions their armies cannot consume, so that none shall be left for the Boer troops when they reoccupy the devastated region. All foreign commanders in recent wars have made Sheridan, Ewing and Sherman their exemplars, but, so far, none of them has deemed it conducive to humanity or civilization to follow the practice of General Lee when he invaded the enemy's country.

A REPUBLICAN newspaper—bad authority on such matters, says Admiral Dewey regards Bryan as the candidate of the populists. But the populists from Mr. Wharton Barker, their Presidential nominee down, are opposing Mr. Bryan and many of them are fusing with the republicans, and if he be the candidate of the populists, there must be many of them, as he had six and a half million supporters four years ago, and will have more next November, as many of the democratic deserters have seen the error of their way and have come back to their party.

CAPT. OBERLIN S. CARTER has gone to the penitentiary at last, though he saved the money he stole, but his pals, the Gaylor contractors, are still free. A New York judge having refused to respect the mandate of the Savannah court to return the alleged criminals, a bill was introduced in Congress providing for such cases, so that they might not escape by time limitation, but republican influences are delaying it there, so that the desired object may be frustrated.

THE administration and the Navy Department deemed Admiral Dewey so worthy of admiration and honor a year ago that they favored another national holiday, but all that has changed since the Admiral revoked the imprudent remark that he would not accept a Presidential nomination if presented to him on a silver platter, and yesterday, on "Dewey Day," not an extra flag was raised on the Navy nor any other government department in Washington. Circumstances alter cases.

THE INCREASE in the public debt last month was no less than twelve

million. But what does that insignificant sum amount to in a country that is rich enough to change its form of government from that of a republic to that of an empire? When this country was a real republic, the conduct of its government was inexpensive and taxes were low, and these are progressing; but it is different now. But give time.

SECRETARY GAGE says he will pay the four million debt that Hawaii owed at the time she was admitted into the American Union. Why certainly! It would have never done to compel the American carpetbaggers of that country to pay that sum. Imperialism comes high.

FROM WASHINGTON.  
(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Republicans at the Capitol today say Mr. Quay may profess to be satisfied with the treatment he has received at the hands of the administration, and that he is too astute to do otherwise, but that nothing is more certain than the fact that he is a believer in the gospel of revenge, and that he will be sure to get even at the first favorable opportunity.

When the republican executive committee of Virginia went to the director of the census to recommend men to take the census of the manufacturing industries in the Norfolk congressional district, they told him those men were endorsed by the Virginia member of the national republican committee. The reply was that Dr. Wise was the Congressman from that district, and that as he had a vote in Congress, the men he recommended would be appointed.

A delegation from the Merchants' Association of New York appeared before the House committee on ways and means this morning and argued in favor of the repeal of the stamp tax on express, freight and telegraph business. If the present conditions of the revenue will not permit that they want the act amended so that the burden of the tax will fall on the companies and not on the public.

Now that the Porto Rican bill has become a law, both the White House and the Capitol are swarming with applicants for positions in Porto Rico, under the U. S. government. Judgeships seem to be most sought after, but every thing in sight is in urgent demand. Carpetbagging will be as rife in Porto Rico as it ever was in the South. And yet the Spanish war was prosecuted to relieve the people of the Spanish West Indies of the alleged cruel tyranny of Spain.

The chief subject of general comment at the Capitol today was the letter of Mr. H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil Company, to the Danish government, offering to effect the purchase by the United States of the Danish West Indies for four million dollars, for ten per cent. of the purchase money, in which he states that he, that is, his company, owns two y-six U. S. Senators. The talk is to the effect that, though what he wrote may be true, it is surprising that he was fool enough to put it on paper. The letter, however, broke off the negotiation, and Denmark refused to sell the islands to Germany, and it is reported that that gave Secretary Root occasion for his recent speech, in which he said this country would soon have to fight for the Monroe doctrine.

At a meeting of the Senate foreign relations committee this morning it was decided to report favorably the bill on the reorganization of the consular service of the United States. One of the most important provisions is that there shall not be more than two consuls general of the first class at \$10,000 a year each; eight of the second class, at \$8,000 each; thirteen of the third class, at \$6,000 each; thirteen of the fourth class, \$5,000 each, and so on down from \$4,000 a year to 60 consuls of the sixth class at \$800 a year. There is to be a classification throughout the service in accordance with the recommendation of the State Department. A system of transfers from port to port is provided; also a scale of advancement from a lower class to a higher, to be regulated by a board of examiners.

The House committee on appropriations today concluded the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill which is the last of the great supply measures. It appropriates \$61,586,175, of which \$9,000,000 is for the census. It requires the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into contracts for the completion of a number of new public buildings, among them that at Bristol, Tenn., \$25,000, and Newport News, Va., \$65,000. The bill also authorizes a grant for improvement of the harbor and harbors under authorization contained in river and harbor acts of 1892, 1896 and 1899 to the amount of \$12,200,000.

The Senate printing committee at a meeting this morning commenced the investigation of the sale and disposal of the messages of the President, etc. Representative Richardson was examined at length, but behind closed doors, and the members of the committee refused to give out any of the testimony.

The friends of Rear Admiral Schley, here, are more than ever provoked with Secretary Long for allowing Capt. Chadwick to go free, with only a mild reprimand, though he had spoken most disrespectfully of the Admiral.

A dangerous counterfeit of the \$20 silver certificate has been discovered. It is signed by Register Tillman and Treasurer Morgan.

It is said in the room of the House committee on coinage that nothing has yet been done with the bill to coin silver half dollars with which to pay for a Washington monument at Alexandria, and that probably nothing will be, at this session of Congress.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Munkacsy, the celebrated Hungarian painter, died in an asylum at Bonn yesterday.

The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions closed its sessions in New York yesterday.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have rendered judgment against "reordination of the sacrament."

Secretary Long has written a letter to Captain F. E. Chadwick, reprimanding him for his criticisms of Rear Admiral Schley.

Judge Cantrill, at Frankfort, Ky., yesterday granted a change of venue to Yontsey, Davis, Powers, Whitaker and Combs, five men accused of being implicated in the killing of William Goebel. The place to which the change will be granted has not been determined.

A strike began yesterday in several northern and western cities among employees in the building trades. A strike among carpenters and those allied with them in building operations has been in progress in Chicago for some time. The City Council there has taken the matter in hand and is attempting to bring about a settlement. The movement, which has resulted in the strike is for a working day of eight hours and a general increase in wages averaging about twenty per cent.

During the greater part of the session of the Senate yesterday the army appropriation bill, carrying supplies for the military of more than \$114,000,000, was under consideration. The feature of the discussion of the measure was a debate on trusts precipitated by an amendment offered by Mr. Berry, of Arkansas, providing that the quartermaster's department should not purchase supplies from any recognized trust. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 18 to 29. The bill had not been completed when the Senate adjourned.

Maj. Gen. Merritt, second ranking officer of the army, has applied to be relieved and granted leave of absence until his retirement next month. He will be succeeded by Gen. Otis.

## THE STATE CONVENTION.

The democratic State convention met in Norfolk today. At the meeting last night of the State central committee the report of the committee on party plans was adopted. H. D. Flood was selected as temporary chairman, William Henry Mann, of Petersburg, temporary secretary, and W. H. Jacques, of Norfolk, temporary sergeant-at-arms of the convention.

The special committee, composed of one from each congressional district, appointed by the State committee to consider the plan of party government and recommend any desired changes, was in session at the Monticello Hotel yesterday afternoon. The "home rule" element urged the committee to recommend that in cases arising from alleged irregularities, as in the Shands and Sickley incidents, the matter shall first go to the county or city committee, then to the district committee, and finally to the State committee, if necessary, and in cases where there are primaries to be held to nominate candidates for Congress or for an office in which two counties or a county and city are represented, the primary shall be held in all the counties or counties and cities on the same date. The committee's report was not a surprise, but it was a direct blow to the advocates of local adjustment of difficulties. Its report gives the State central committee power to settle all disputes between contesting organizations and nominees and no power was given to the district organizations themselves to decide any contests.

The question of a platform of declarations was last night discussed by the leaders. It is certain that W. J. Bryan will be heartily indorsed for a renomination. Senator Daniel is quoted as being somewhat disinclined to favor the convention adopting a declaration which might let the national body along vital issues.

It is possible, but not at all certain, as stated yesterday, that the delegates-at-large will be Senators Daniel and Martin, Gov. Tyler and J. T. Elyson, or the first three and another. There are reasons for this state, particularly if the elements can harmonize on the convention fight. The district delegates will be chosen today. The permanent chairman of the convention will be Speaker of the House of Delegates Saunders.

Senator Daniel, champion of the constitutional convention, said last night: "The convention is going to do what the people demand on the subject of the constitutional issue. A convention is a necessary expedient, I believe, in every State, making a grand road every twenty years or thirty years, and sweeping out the cobwebs. Nearly every southern State has had to do it, and Virginia is second to none of them in her need of constitutional revision." The Senator declined to commit himself regarding any probable suffrage restriction that might be included in the new constitution.

There will be some strong opposition to making the convention a party question, nevertheless. The Ninth district is opposed, and opposition has also developed in the delegations from the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh districts. The reason assigned is that these democratic districts would be most seriously affected by the building up of a white republican party, which would inevitably result from the elimination of the negro vote. This is one of the most important and far-reaching phases of the question. Senator Daniel did not discuss it at all in his interview, saying that the financial and economic conditions prevalent in Virginia render the convention a necessity.

## An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for cough and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—John E. Clifford, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

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Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' Drug Store.

## J. C. Kennedy, Roanoke, Tenn., says: "I cannot say too much for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. One box of it cured what the doctors called an inoperable ulcer on my jaw. Cured piles and all skin diseases. Look out for worthless imitations."

## How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hodge's Backache Pills cure all kidney troubles. Add Hodge's Backache Pills to your list of remedies.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

S. G. Ramer, of the Geary House, Woodstock, will succeed to the management of the Warren Green Hotel, at Warrenton, on the 15th instant.

The President yesterday appointed Andrew R. Venable, of Farmville, to be a supervisor of the twelfth census for the Fourth supervisors' district of Virginia.

The board of sinking fund commissioners yesterday purchased for retirement 107,000 State bonds, 15,000 centuries and 92,000 Little Bidders, the former at 93 and the latter at 94.

Dr. J. C. Wise, formerly of the U. S. cruiser Baltimore, and medical inspector of Admiral Dewey's fleet, will commence, at an early date, the erection of a handsome residence in Warrenton.

The Toms Creek mine officials state that the reports sent out about the accident at their mine were greatly exaggerated. Only two men were killed. All the men were warned in time, but two lost their way.

Yesterday marked the beginning of free rail delivery from the Warrenton postoffice, with R. T. Moffett and R. F. Galloway, carriers. If, by July 1, it does not prove a success, the service will be discontinued.

In Richmond yesterday Miss Mabel Todd became the wife of Dr. Russell Pemberton. The ceremony occurred at the home of Mr. C. L. Todd, the father of the bride, Rev. Dr. R. P. Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

The meeting of young men of Fredericksburg called Monday night to take action with reference to forming a military company there was well attended, and after a full discussion of the question 31 indicated their purpose to join the company.

Forest fires in the woods about Chancellorsville, in Spotsylvania county, have done great damage, and only by the desperate work of fighting the flames was the residence of Mr. A. McGhee, one of the wealthiest citizens of the county, saved.

The Pamunkey tribe of Indians has drafted a petition to Congress asking that the children of the tribe be granted the privilege of entering the Hampton Normal School. The petition is signed by the tribal chiefs and by the judge and Commonwealth's attorney of King William county, and was forwarded to Governor Tyler, with a communication asking him to endorse the petition and affix the seal of the State. The request has been complied with.

Two tramps caught Fleming Curtis, son of Mr. T. J. Curtis, at the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac depot in Fredericksburg yesterday and bound him and threw him into a box car of a freight train which was about to move and which they also boarded. He was carried as far as Quantico, where his cries were heard by a watchman. The tramps when the watchman approached fled and several shots were fired at them, but they made their escape. The young man was released and lost no time in returning to his home.

## THE WAR IN AFRICA.

The points of interest in the South African war remain as they were yesterday—Thaba N'chu and Mafeking, the former because the Boers are manifesting an unusual activity, and the latter because up to April 30 starvation had not gnawed its victims to the point of surrendering.

At that time the garrison was suffering with fever, yet hopeful and "willing to hold out a month longer." The Boers are said to have "removed their big siege gun from the hills and reduced the number of the besieging forces." As to Thaba N'chu, the situation is interesting, because the Boers are making better use of their resources than the British have given them credit for. On Saturday and Sunday last they attacked the British with remarkable persistence, and Gen. Ian Hamilton, who ventured as far as Houtnek with a small detachment acting as a convoy, encountered a strong body of Boers, estimated to have numbered 4,000 who, out for the arrival of reinforcements, might have caused General Roberts to have repeated his famous phrase, "Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred." The Boers were under general command of General Botha and retreated only in the face of terrific shelling.

## Foreign News.

Madrid, May 2.—M. Dupuy de Lome, the former Spanish minister at Washington, has been appointed ambassador to Italy.

London, May 2.—The King of Sweden is in England to remain a few months, living at Grove Lodge, Hampton Palace, near Barnes. His majesty is here as a private individual, not as the king of a friendly monarchy, so as to be able to live quietly in the way he so much loves.

Berlin, May 2.—The government learns that Denmark is on the point of accepting the American terms for the sale of the Danish West Indies as Germany does not desire to purchase the islands.

## Cubans Preparing for Revolt.

Havana, May 2.—Gen. Rivera said further today, with regard to an alleged plot to revolt against American authority, that he had been advised from Madrid that Cubans were preparing for such a revolt, but that he adhered to his belief that there was no likelihood of trouble this year. Gen. Segaria, of the Spanish consul, admits to having confidentially informed the government that the great majority of Cubans in Havana were disposed to make trouble if the American occupation continued after this year or in the event of McKinley attempting to force annexation.

## Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst kind of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife had been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of E. S. Leadbeater's Kidney Pills, she was wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle-working medicine is a godsend to sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' Drug Store.

"I had stomach trouble for twenty years and gave up hope of being cured till I began to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It has done so much good for me that I call it the savior of my life." writes W. B. Wilkinson, Albany, Tenn. It digests what you eat.

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## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Norfolk Convention. Norfolk, May 2.—The State democratic convention met here today and will be in session during the rest of the day.

The most important matter is that of making the calling of a new constitutional convention a party issue. There is a great fight against the proposition, owing to the proposition to disarrange the negro by inserting an educational clause. Senator Daniel is leading the fight for the new constitution. Bryan will be endorsed. The Porto Rican tariff and the war in the Philippines, as well as expansion generally, will be condemned in strong language. McKinley's administration will be deplored. J. Taylor Elyson, of Richmond, candidate for governor, will be re-elected State chairman and Congressman Oley will continue as national committeeman from Virginia.

The 20 delegates to Kansas City were elected, all of whom are instructed for Bryan, "first and last all the time." The delegates-at-large will be Senators Daniel and Martin, Governor Tyler and State chairman Elyson. This combination adjusts all party differences growing out of Gov. Tyler's recent opposition to Senator Martin for the Senate.

The Eighth Congressional district appointed Lewis H. Machen, of Fairfax, presidential elector; Robt. N. Harper, of Loudoun, and Judge Charles White, of Fauquier, delegates to Kansas City, and John S. Barbour, of Culpeper, and E. E. Downham, of Alexandria, alternates. The eighth district delegates also passed the following resolution: "While we endorse the action of the Legislature in submitting to the people the question of holding a constitutional convention and recommending support by the people of Virginia, we are opposed to making that question a test of party faith."

## The Situation in South Africa.

London, May 2.—Late press dispatches from Bloemfontein and Thaba N'chu reveal another important British move. General Tucker, whose division has been at Karee Siding, is advancing eastward, evidently with the object of making a junction with French, north of Thaba N'chu, thus forming a cordon which it may be possible to throw around the Boer commandos and cut off their retreat to Winburg. Tucker and French are within some thirty miles of each other. When their forces are in touch, their line will almost parallel the road from Thaba N'chu to Winburg. Apparently the Boers have sensed the British plan as they are already withdrawing from their central position east of Thaba N'chu and moving to strengthen their right. It is likely that there will be a series of severe engagements between French and Botha this week.

Pretoria, April 30.—President Kruger has issued a proclamation ordering all British subjects to leave the country within 36 hours.

## An Appalling Disaster.

Scotfield, Utah, May 2.—By an explosion of an immense quantity of powder stored in the Pleasant Valley Co.'s mine No. 4, yesterday, over 200 miners were killed. The scene at the mine is heartrending. As each man is brought out on a stretcher, the covering from the face is raised, and shrieks from women and children penetrate the gloomy atmosphere, as some one rushes forward only to faint at the foot of a husband's or father's corpse. Every imaginable method is used to get the charred and mangled remains from the mine. Many hundred men have freely volunteered their services and as fast as one set is tired or worn out, others take their place. While the stench of smoke and powder is sickening, resembling much that of a dissecting room, there are bravehearted men who have been continuously at work since the moment of the explosion. The mines employed about 700 men. The cause of the explosion is not known. No. 1 and No. 4 mines were connected. The men in No. 1 were suffocated, those in No. 4 were burned and mangled. Practical miners say that coal dust and gas must also have exploded, as powder alone could not have wrought such havoc.

## Love at First Sight.

Washington, Pa., May 2.—A remarkable wedding was celebrated yesterday evening at Washington, Pa., borough, when Anne B. Logan, of this place, aged 19 years, and Robert Hughes, a well-known farmer of Fairmont, W. Va., aged 75, became man and wife. As the bride declared, it was a genuine case of love at first sight. Farmer Hughes came to Washington yesterday morning on a business trip. He met Miss Logan at her father's home before dinner. In the afternoon they were engaged to be married, the parents gave their consent and the license was promptly taken out. In the evening at 6 o'clock the ceremony was performed by Squire Preston Berry. Mr. Hughes is an old soldier and has a large farm in West Virginia. He has never been married before and is well-to-do. Miss Logan is well known here and is a daughter of Abner Logan, contractor.

## General Conference M. E. Church.

Chicago, May 2.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was begun this morning in the Auditorium. Bishop Bowman presiding. Over 500 delegates were present. The conference is expected to mark the introduction of several important changes in the rules governing the church. Not the least of these is the admission of lay delegates to the councils of the body. Four new bishops and five or six missionary bishops are to be elected. There is likely to be a radical change in the length of the term for ministers in charge of congregations.

## Favors Weeding Out Incompetents.

Worcester, Mass., May 2.—General A. W. Greeley, chief of the signal bureau, spoke of the United States army as a military organization at a banquet here last night. He declared that the army was a political organization and that it had not advanced during 50 years. If every incompetent officer in the army was discharged, he said, it would have a tremendous effect and make the army approach the model of the national army of today, which of all national military organizations was the nearest to perfection.

## Power of the Hat Pin.

Derby, Conn., May 2.—Four men barred the passage of Miss Bertha Lynch and Miss Ada Robinson at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning on Main street and demanded their money. Miss Lynch pulled out a long hat pin and backed up against a house for a second or two and then sprang at the nearest man. The suddenness of the attack disconcerted the footpads and they ran, pursued for a block by two screaming women.

## Actress Sues a Preacher.

New York, May 2.—Miss Olga Netherole, of Sapho fame, has begun suit against Rev. Dr. Easton, of Washington, D. C., for \$50,000 damages for defamation of character. When the crusade against the play was on, Dr. Easton preached a sermon denouncing it and referring in uncompromising terms to the actress. Miss Netherole says Dr. Easton has since made a personal apology, but she does not consider that as sufficient, inasmuch as he denounced her before his entire congregation. "I shall certainly press my suit against Dr. Easton," she said, "if he does not make a public apology from the pulpit and liquidate the cost of this action which I have already paid." The actress declares she does not want monetary damages, but vindication.

Washington, May 2.—Dr. Easton said today that Miss Netherole is bringing suit for advertising purposes, and that he would not apologize further.

## Rockefeller's Big Dividends.

New York, May 2.—The Standard Oil Company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$10 a share payable on June 15. John D. Rockefeller owns individually \$31,000,000 of the stock of the Standard Oil Company. His fortune will, therefore, be augmented by \$3,100,000 as a result of this dividend. Since January last he has drawn dividends amounting to \$12,400,000.

## FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, May 2.

SENATE.  
Mr. Pettigrew presented a protest of the Union Veteran Union of Washington, D. C., against the passage of a bill introduced by Mr. Penrose conferring upon Adjutant General Corbin the rank of major general.

Mr. Kenny offered an amendment to the army reorganization bill providing for a veterinary corps. The same amendment was formerly offered to the army appropriation bill, but was ruled out of order.

At the close of routine business Mr. Chandler asked that the resolution that Wm. A. Clark was not duly and legally elected to a seat in the United States Senate by the legislature of the State of Montana, be laid before the Senate. The President pro tempore, Mr. Frye, said that he would not do so; that it would not be laid before the Senate unless a motion was made and carried so to do.

Mr. Mason then addressed the Senate on the question of food adulteration. A bill was passed to establish the Fredericksburg and adjacent battlefields memorial park in the State of Virginia.

Mr. Teller offered a resolution providing that while the United States is determined to preserve a proper neutrality, it cannot withhold its sympathy from the struggling people of the South African republic, and the friendly offices of this government to the contending powers is offered in order that a speedy peace may follow.

The resolution was laid over till tomorrow.

## HOUSE.

After Chairman Cannon, of the appropriation committee, had presented the report on the sundry civil appropriation bill the House at once resolved itself into committee of the whole for the further consideration of the isthmian canal.

Mr. Hepburn offered a committee amendment to the first section striking out the word "defence" and inserting "protection."

Mr. Mann thought provision should be made for the erection of proper fortifications to defend the canal.

The amendment was carried, 95 to 49. Mr. Parker offered an amendment striking from the bill the designation of the Nicaragua route as the one to be selected and leaving the choice of route to the President at the report of the commission has been presented as to which is the better.

Mr. Parker's amendment was defeated by a vote of 87 to 81.

Mr. McCullough moved to amend by adding words so as to make the bill read "construct, fortify, garrison and defend a canal."

This was voted down by a vote of 114 to 66.

Mr. Livering offered an amendment providing that no more than three million dollars should be paid to Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the territory on which to place the canal. The amendment was rejected.

The committee amendment striking out "fortifications for defence" and inserting "provision for defence" was adopted, 90 to 4.

Mr. Cannon quoting from Mr. Hepburn's attack on him at last night's session, when he (Cannon) was not present, the words: "I challenge the gentleman's sincerity," he thought it possible that Hepburn had turned the tables in upon himself. He told of a conversation in which it had been suggested that a publication was to be made questioning Hepburn's sincerity in pressing the canal bill at this time. Hepburn replied that the man who had made such a suggestion was circulating an untruth and if it was parliamentary he would say that "the man who would give currency to that charge by repeating it was a liar."

This created a sensation. Mr. Cannon wanted to know to whom Hepburn referred by this last statement.

There were loud calls for order from various parts of the House. Mr. Hepburn replied that Cannon had attempted to dishonor him and admitted that a Chicago paper had made publications impugning his sincerity.

Mr. Cannon read from the Record the reply he had made to the question of Mr. Hepburn's sincerity, showing that he had repudiated it in the warmest terms. "You can imagine my surprise, therefore, when I read the attack on me in the Record. I will drop this matter with the belief that when the gentleman (Hepburn) gets over the partisan heat engendered by this bill he will see how he has been carried away by passion."

## SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES.

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A dispatch from Chicago says that Mrs. M. J. Neven's watch containing valuable jewelry, valued at \$70,000, has been found. Her son and his sweetheart who immediately disappeared, were traced to a hotel last night but they managed to escape arrest. They left the watch and the detectives recovered nearly all the stolen property.

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